(b) if so, the reasons for non-filling of the required percentage of reserved vacancies for SCs/STs; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to fill the quota reserved for SCs/STs, as backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The Delhi University is following the reservation policy for SCs/STs in appointments to the teaching posts at the Lecturers level. The University has adopted post-based roster and has already made a special drive for filling up of SC/ST vacancies of Lecturers.

Preparation of new curriculum by NCERT

5134. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new curriculum proposed by NCERT;

(b) what prompted this change; and

(c) what are the topics to be removed as proposed by NCERT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) NCERT has initiated a process of renewal of the National Curriculum Framework as a follow-up of the Programme of Action, 1992 under the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, and advice given under the 9th Plan. NCERT has recently prepared a "Discussion Document" on the "National Curriculum Framework for School Education " and released it in January, 2000 for public debates. This document is being discussed and debated at National and State levels. Once the Curriculum Framework is finalised, the exercise of preparation of guidelines for development of syllabi/curriculum would be undertaken.

Sea bed mining technology

5135. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have achieved a break-through in sea bed mining technology;